refer the cases for prosecution along with the names and the amounts involved; and

(c) what is the number of cases which are pending investigation and which are being currently investigated with details of the names, the nature of crimes and the amounts involved?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) to (c) Cases involving violation of FERA are dealt with by the Directorate of Enforcement. However, cases involving violation of IPC in addition to FERA are also referred to CBI. Since January 1988 the Enforcement Directorate has referred two cases involving forgery of documents to CBI for further investigation.

Fire in a godown in Lawrence Road, Delhi

836. SHRI SHANTI TYAGI:
SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a fire broke out in a godown in Lawrence Road, Delhi during the 3rd week of October, 1988;

(b) if so, what is the number of persons killed/injured as a result of the fire and what action has been taken against the godown owner;

(c) whether it is a fact that fire fighting equipments are not being kept in most of the P.V.C. industries located in Tri Nagar and Lawrence Road areas, resulting danger to the lives of the labourers; and

(d) whether the Central Government propose to make a survey of all such industries in Tri Nagar and Lawrence Road areas and make it compulsory for the factory owners to get 'No Objection Certificates' from the Fire Service and keep fire fighting equipments so as to save the lives of the innocent labourers from any untoward happenings and if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SANTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) 31 persons received burn injuries. As per police record 23 persons out of them later succumbed to injuries. A case under Section 336/337/285/286 and 304-A IPC has been registered against the owner of building and industry.

(c) and (d) While it is a fact that many PVC industries do not have adequate fire-fighting arrangements, the Municipal Corporation of Delhi have intimated that as per the list of the fire hazarduous trades approved by the Directorate of Industries, Delhi Administration, the trade PVC/Plastic is not fire hazarduous. In view of this, Delhi Municipal Corporation feel that the question of obtaining NOC from Delhi Fire Service while giving licence is not necessary.

Profit earned by STC through sales of imported edible oils

837. SHRI KAMAL MORARKA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the C.I.F. price of imported palm oil and other edible oils being imported by S.T.C.;

(b) what is the duty element and the landed cost of such oil per ton;

(c) what is the price at which S.T.C. sells this oil to vanaspati manufacturers;

(d) what is S.T.C.'s profit margin;

(e) what is the total profits of S.T.C. for 1986-87 and 1987-88; and

(f) how much is represented by profits from edible oil?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. R. DAS MUNSHI): (a) The composite weighted average CIF prices of various varieties of edible oils during the year 1987-88 are as under:

Oil	Composite weighted average CIF price (Rs./MT)
Soyabean Oil	4887
Neutralised Palm Oil	4483
Rapeseed Oil	4540
RBD Palm Oil	5051
RBD Palmolein	4916
Refined Soyabean Oil	8100
Refined Rapeseed Oil	2791

(b) During 1987-88, custom duty at the rate of 45 per cent for SBO and RSO *ad-valorem* and 65 per cent for palm oil and SPO *ad-valorem* was applicable. The landed cost per metric ton worked out to Rs. 7427/-.

(c) With effect from 1st February, 1988, release price per metric ton is as under:

Regular — Rs. 15,000
Commercial —— Rs. 19,000

(d) to (f) STC imports and releases edible oils on Government account. Consequently, there is no profit or loss to the Corporation. STC gets only the expenses and a nominal service charge fixed by the Government.

The total trading profits of STC during 1986-87 and 1987-88 amounted to Rs. 62.37 crores and Rs. 55.48 respectively.

Value of rupee

838. SHRI KAMAL MORARKA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) what was the value of the rupee in 1980;

(b) what is the value of the rupee in 1988; and

(c) what is the percentage decrease in the purchasing power of the rupee annually for last seven years as compared to the previous five years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) and (b) The value of rupee measured as the reciprocal of the Consumer Price Index *(1960-100)* was 25.67 paise in 1980 and 12.91 paise in 1988 (upto September).

(c) The requisite information is given below:

in paise

Year	Value of rupee	%age decrease over the previous year
1975	31.15	5.6
1976	33.78	—7.8
1977	31.15	8.4
1978	30.38	2.5
1979	28.59	6.3
1980	25.67	11.4
1981	22.70	13.1
1982	21.04	7.9
1983	18.81	11.9
1984	17.36	8.3
1985	16.45	5.6
1986	15.13	8.7
1987	13.90	8.8
1988 (upto September)	12.91	7.7